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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the adoption of certain animals confined
2 by research facilities.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 162.10 **Qualified research**
2 **facilities — adoption program.**

3 1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
4 requires:

5 *a. "Animal rescue organization"* means a person other than
6 an animal shelter operating on a nonprofit basis to place
7 unwanted, abandoned, abused, or stray dogs or cats in permanent
8 adopted homes as provided by rules adopted by the department.

9 *b. (1) "Qualified research facility"* means a research
10 facility, including but not limited to a regents institution,
11 that conducts experiments on dogs or cats for research,
12 education, testing, or another scientific purpose; and that
13 receives moneys from the state or federal government.

14 *(2) "Qualified research facility"* includes a research
15 facility that conducts experiments on dogs or cats for
16 research, education, testing, or another scientific purpose,
17 in collaboration with a research facility described in
18 subparagraph (1).

19 *c. "Retired animal"* means a dog or cat confined at a
20 qualified research facility, if the dog or cat has been
21 previously used for research, education, testing, or another
22 scientific purpose; and the dog or cat is no longer required
23 to be confined by the qualified research facility for any of
24 those purposes.

25 2. A qualified research facility shall establish an
26 adoption program for retired animals confined at the qualified
27 research facility for placement in a permanent adoptive home.
28 In order to be eligible for adoption under the program, the
29 retired animal must have no substantial medical condition, and
30 pose no safety risk to the public, that would prevent the dog's
31 or cat's successful integration into a permanent adoptive home.

32 3. Once a dog or cat becomes a retired animal and is
33 eligible for adoption under the adoption program, the qualified
34 research facility must do at least one of the following:

35 *a. Offer to transfer ownership and custody of the retired*

1 animal to an animal shelter or animal rescue organization to
2 facilitate the transfer of ownership and custody of the retired
3 animal to a person for placement into the person's permanent
4 adoptive home. A qualified research facility must enter into
5 an agreement with one or more animal shelters or animal rescue
6 organizations electing to participate in the program.
7 *b.* Offer to transfer ownership and custody of the retired
8 animal to a person for private placement in the person's
9 permanent adoptive home according to an arrangement agreed to
10 by the qualified research facility and the person.